



**Privacy Impact Assessment  
(PIA)  
Automated Public Law-480 Title I Umbrella System  
(APLUS)**

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# 1 Purpose of Document

USDA DM 3515-002 states: “Agencies are responsible for initiating the PIA in the early stages of the development of a system and to ensure that the PIA is completed as part of the required System Life Cycle (SLC) reviews. Systems include data from applications housed on mainframes, personal computers, and applications developed for the Web and agency databases. Privacy must be considered when requirements are being analyzed and decisions are being made about data usage and system design. This applies to all of the development methodologies and system life cycles used in USDA.

Both the system owners and system developers must work together to complete the PIA. System owners must address what data are used, how the data are used, and who will use the data. System owners also need to address the privacy implications that result from the use of new technologies (e.g., caller identification). The system developers must address whether the implementation of the owner’s requirements presents any threats to privacy.”

The Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) document contains information on how the **Automated Public Law-480 Title I Umbrella System (APLUS)** affects the privacy of its users and the information stored within. This assessment is in accordance with NIST SP 800-37 *Guide for the Security Certification and Accreditation of Federal Information Systems*.



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## 2 System Information

System Information	
Agency:	Farm Service Agency
System Name:	Automated Public Law-480 Title I Umbrella System
System Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major Application <input type="checkbox"/> General Support System <input type="checkbox"/> Non-major Application
System Categorization (per FIPS 199):	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Low
Description of System:	The Automated Public Law-480 Title I Umbrella System (APLUS) is a major application. The mission of PL 480 APLUS is to process financial information that results from selling agriculture products to underdeveloped foreign countries to assist in economic development. Through the use of the PL 480 APLUS, data required to verify and validate the performance indicators for food assistance for underdeveloped countries is captured. APLUS is maintained by the Farm Services Agency (FSA) under the auspices of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and is jointly used by FSA and the FAS to provide complete financial management and accounting for this program.
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### 3 Data Information

#### 3.1 Data Collection

No.	Question	Response
1	Generally describe the data to be used in the system.	PL 480 APLUS System: Creditor – Billing & receipt of collections Customer – Purchase authorizations for commodities, freight, and ocean freight differential
2	Does the system collect Social Security Numbers (SSNs) or Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TINs)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – If NO, go to question 3.
2.1	State the law or regulation that requires the collection of this information.	
3	Is the use of the data both relevant and necessary to the purpose for which the system is being designed? In other words, the data is absolutely needed and has significant and demonstrable bearing on the system's purpose as required by statute or by Executive order of the President.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4	Sources of the data in the system.	Information is obtained from agreements, payment schedules, exports, shipments, disbursements, and cash receipts.
4.1	What data is being collected from the customer?	Information collected includes Agreement, Disbursement, Collection, and Reference information.
4.2	What USDA agencies are providing data for use in the system?	FAS & FSA
4.3	What state and local agencies are providing data for use in the system?	N/A
4.4	From what other third party sources is data being collected?	Data may be collected from exporters, suppliers, finance ministries, and other debtors.



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No.	Question	Response
5	Will data be collected from sources outside your agency? For example, customers, USDA sources (i.e., NFC, RD, etc.) or Non-USDA sources.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – If NO, go to question 6.
5.1	How will the data collected from customers be verified for accuracy, relevance, timeliness, and completeness?	Reconciliation and Review
5.2	How will the data collected from USDA sources be verified for accuracy, relevance, timeliness, and completeness?	Reconciliation and Review
5.3	How will the data collected from non-USDA sources be verified for accuracy, relevance, timeliness, and completeness?	Reconciliation and Review

## 3.2 Data Use

No.	Question	Response
6	Individuals must be informed in writing of the principal purpose of the information being collected from them. What is the principal purpose of the data being collected?	<b>PL 480 APLUS System</b>
7	Will the data be used for any other purpose?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – If NO, go to question 8.
7.1	What are the other purposes?	
8	Is the use of the data both relevant and necessary to the purpose for which the system is being designed? In other words, the data is absolutely needed and has significant and demonstrable bearing on the system's purpose as required by statute or by Executive order of the President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9	Will the system derive new data or create previously unavailable data about an individual through aggregation from the information collected (i.e., aggregating farm loans by zip codes in which only one farm exists.)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – If NO, go to question 10.
9.1	Will the new data be placed in the individual's record (customer or employee)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



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No.	Question	Response
9.2	Can the system make determinations about customers or employees that would not be possible without the new data?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9.3	How will the new data be verified for relevance and accuracy?	
10	Individuals must be informed in writing of the routine uses of the information being collected from them. What are the intended routine uses of the data being collected?	N/A
11	Will the data be used for any other uses (routine or otherwise)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – If NO, go to question 12.
11.1	What are the other uses?	
12	Automation of systems can lead to the consolidation of data – bringing data from multiple sources into one central location/system – and consolidation of administrative controls. When administrative controls are consolidated, they should be evaluated so that all necessary privacy controls remain in place to the degree necessary to continue to control access to and use of the data. Is data being consolidated?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – If NO, go to question 13.
12.1	What controls are in place to protect the data and prevent unauthorized access?	
13	Are processes being consolidated?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – If NO, go to question 14.
13.1	What controls are in place to protect the data and prevent unauthorized access?	

### 3.3 Data Retention

No.	Question	Response
14	Is the data periodically purged from the system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – If NO, go to question 15.
14.1	How long is the data retained whether it is on paper, electronic, in the system or in a backup?	





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No.	Question	Response
14.2	What are the procedures for purging the data at the end of the retention period?	
14.3	Where are these procedures documented?	
15	While the data is retained in the system, what are the requirements for determining if the data is still sufficiently accurate, relevant, timely, and complete to ensure fairness in making determinations?	N/A
16	Is the data retained in the system the minimum necessary for the proper performance of a documented agency function?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

### 3.4 Data Sharing

No.	Question	Response
17	Will other agencies share data or have access to data in this system (i.e., international, federal, state, local, other, etc.)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – If NO, go to question 18.
17.1	How will the data be used by the other agency?	APLUS is the subsidiary ledger for this program.
17.2	Who is responsible for assuring the other agency properly uses the data?	FMD management
18	Is the data transmitted to another agency or an independent site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – If NO, go to question 19.
18.1	Is there appropriate agreement in place to document the interconnection and ensure the PII and/or Privacy Act data is appropriately protected?	
19	Is the system operated in more than one site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – If NO, go to question 20.
19.1	How will consistent use of the system and data be maintained in all sites?	



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### 3.5 Data Access

No.	Question	Response
20	Who will have access to the data in the system (i.e., users, managers, system administrators, developers, etc.)?	Washington, DC User – Update Access KC/IT User – Read Only Access
21	How will user access to the data be determined?	Requests for access for specific functions are approved by a manager and granted by a security officer.
21.1	Are criteria, procedures, controls, and responsibilities regarding user access documented?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
22	How will user access to the data be restricted?	Users will have restricted access to system data based on business needs, and restricted by discretionary access control methods.
22.1	Are procedures in place to detect or deter browsing or unauthorized user access?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
23	Does the system employ security controls to make information unusable to unauthorized individuals (i.e., encryption, strong authentication procedures, etc.)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

### 3.6 Customer Protection

No.	Question	Response
24	Who will be responsible for protecting the privacy rights of the customers and employees affected by the interface (i.e., office, person, departmental position, etc.)?	USDA Privacy Office
25	How can customers and employees contact the office or person responsible for protecting their privacy rights?	By contacting John Underwood, Privacy Officer, at <a href="mailto:john.underwood@kcc.usda.gov">john.underwood@kcc.usda.gov</a> & 816.926.6992
26	A “breach” refers to a situation where data and/or information assets are unduly exposed. Is a breach notification policy in place for this system?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes – If YES, go to question 27. <input type="checkbox"/> No Common FSA incident reporting process.
26.1	If NO, please enter the Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) number with the estimated completion date.	



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No.	Question	Response
27	Consider the following: Consolidation and linkage of files and systems Derivation of data Accelerated information processing and decision making Use of new technologies Is there a potential to deprive a customer of due process rights (fundamental rules of fairness)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – If NO, go to question 28.
27.1	Explain how this will be mitigated?	
28	How will the system and its use ensure equitable treatment of customers?	N/A
29	Is there any possibility of treating customers or employees differently based upon their individual or group characteristics?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – If NO, go to question 30
29.1	Explain	

## 4 System of Record

No.	Question	Response
30	Can the data be retrieved by a personal identifier? In other words, does the system actually retrieve data by the name of an individual or by some other unique number, symbol, or identifying attribute of the individual?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – If NO, go to question 31
30.1	How will the data be retrieved? In other words, what is the identifying attribute (i.e., employee number, social security number, etc.)?	
30.2	Under which Systems of Record (SOR) notice does the system operate? Provide number, name and publication date. (SORs can be viewed at <a href="http://www.access.GPO.gov">www.access.GPO.gov</a> .)	None, the GSM system contains information on businesses, not individuals.
30.3	If the system is being modified, will the SOR require amendment or revision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

## 5 Technology

No.	Question	Response
31	Is the system using technologies in ways not previously employed by the agency (e.g., Caller-ID)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – If NO, the questionnaire is complete.
31.1	How does the use of this technology affect customer privacy?	



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## 6 Completion Instructions

Upon completion of this Privacy Impact Assessment for this system, the answer to OMB A-11, Planning, Budgeting, Acquisition and Management of Capital Assets, Part 7, Section E, Question 8c is:

**1. Yes.**

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